

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the Abstract of this application as follows:

--~~A digital camera To be capable of correcting~~that corrects a captured image ~~to an image desirable to a user only by using a digital still camera. An RAM-15~~A memory for storing the image data of an image for which tone correction is to be performed in a standard color space format ~~and a.~~ A tone correction circuit 35 ~~are provided~~for performing tone correction. The image data is read out from the ~~RAM-15~~memory, and the tone correction is performed ~~for the readout image data in the tone correction circuit 35~~. In automatic tone correction, luminance signals of the image are statistically analyzed to categorize the image, and an appropriate correction curve is used to correct the image.--